



## Independent and Bell Telephone Companies Form a National System

Independent telephone companies operate exclusively in three-fourths of the towns and cities in the United States having telephone exchanges.

The other one-fourth of the towns in this country having telephone exchanges are served by telephone companies comprising the Bell System.

There is competition between Independent and Bell telephone companies in a small percentage of the towns in the United States.

The long distance lines of the Bell System connect with the exchanges and long distance lines of most of the Independent Companies, thus forming a universal telephone service throughout the nation.



"IF THE SHOE FITS YOU— THEN WEAR IT"



—By— ADAM LIAR

Race Suicide?

The Scottsbluff Republican of Friday, June 1, carried the following headline on its first page:

COMMUNITY SPRAY

SOLVES PROBLEM

Missed Beer Kegs

H. M. Bushnell, Jr., secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club, says that he sure misses the beer kegs now. It was Tuesday morning when he visited the Herald's sanctum sanctorum. I don't know but I have a stinking suspicion that he was following up that man Rundin from Mitchell, who was slated to deliver one of the addresses to have been given Tuesday afternoon at the corner of unpaved Box Butte avenue and Third street. Of course I wouldn't say he was following Rundin in an effort to keep him going straight until the big doings came off. But to get back to the keg. Bush says he misses the kegs because the men that build the platforms in the middle of the street have been in the habit of building the base of the platform with beer kegs.

Called It Off

I don't know whether there is any significance in the fact, but the patriotic rally advertised to have been held at unpaved Box Butte avenue and Third street Tuesday afternoon, was called off. Bushnell says it was on account of the condition of the streets. Rundin states he does not care to speak for publication.

Note: Mr. Rundin is a preacher.

Why Two Pair?

They are telling the story about town that a certain Alliance business man, not an editor, wore two pairs of pants Tuesday. He wore one pair when he went to register and the other pair soon after. Rumor says he was some scared man.

A Letter from Louie

Charles Fuess, who sells embroideries, laces and dress trimmings for a St. Louis firm, is making his maiden trip through the West. He is a German. He is above the age of conscription. He is a live one. Charles visited the Herald office Saturday and took away with him several copies of the Herald so that he could "show" some of this Gossip Dope along the way. It was an even exchange, however, for he gave me "A Letter from Louie". This is Louie's letter:

Atlantik Oshen, May the 5.

Dear Kusun August:  
Dot I will now dake mine pen in mi hand und let you know wat yure deer unkle is ded. If he would have leaved til Juley the 4 he would be chust six months ded. After yure deer unkle was ded, de dokters gift up all hopes of saving hees life. You are the only leaving relatif besides

two kusun vot was killed by the Fillpeens.

Der reason I was not rite sooner is bekauss ve don't leeve ve did; ve moofed vere ve are. If you was not got dis ledder led me know und I vill written you anudder von.

Hoping to sea you by der next mail I stay yure kusun.

Hans Veenevort VON Arcadia, P.S.—Bleass don't open dis ledder; der us sad news in it.

Liked to Sleep

The other morning an Alliance woman went west on 41, due out of here at 4:15. She expressed surprise that the sun was showing up. This woman, like a lot of other people I know of, must have had the idea that the sun came up about eight bells in the morning.

Easy, Sure

From the advice already given there ought not to be any trouble to raise a bumper crop of garden stuff and farm products. All that is needed now is the weather, hired men and people to work in the gardens.

Saw a Vision?

Sometimes the humorous will crop out even on the most solemn occasions. Several young men who were lined up waiting an opportunity to register at the registration place in the room in the front of the city hall Tuesday sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Came Across at Last

A young man employed as second cook at a local cafe presented himself for registration. When asked his place of residence he gave an address in Grand Island. When he didn't get away with that he said, "I'm working at the cafe. That wouldn't go, either. 'Dutch' Manner, the registrar, grew impatient and said, "Say, don't you sleep anywhere in Alliance. The cookie replied, "Well, I room down at Nell Thompson's."

Shoot It Here

There seems to be a growing interest in my column. Anyway each week sees more people bringing in dope to be used in this column. That's fine. If you have something "good", let's have it.

The Kaiser's Dream

Dr. J. B. Carns handed in the following poem which was written at the front in France by William McLachlan, who is serving with one of the Scotch Highlander regiments: There's a story now current, tho' strange it may seem, Of the great Kaiser Bill and his wonderful dream. Being tired of the allies, he lay down in bed, And amongst other things he dreamt he was dead, And in a fine coffin was lying in state, With a guard of brave Belgians, who lamented his fate. He wasn't long dead till he found to his cost That his soul, like his soldiers, had surely been lost. On leaving the earth to heaven he went straight, And arriving up there gave a knock at the gate. But St. Peter looked out, and in voice loud and clear Said: "Begone, Kaiser Bill, we don't want you here."

"Well," said the Kaiser, "that's very unevill. I suppose after that I must go to the devil?" So he turned on his heel and off he did go. At the top of his speed to the regions below. And when he got there he was filled with dismay. When waiting outside he heard Old Nick say To his imps: "Now, look here, boys, I give you a warning, 'I'm expecting the Kaiser down here in the morning. 'But don't let him in, for to me it's quite clear He's a dangerous man, and we don't want him here. 'If once he gets in there'll be no end of quarrels. In fact, I'm afraid he'll corrupt our good morals."

"O, Satan, my dear friend," the Kaiser then cried, "Excuse me for listening while waiting outside. If you don't admit me where can I go?"

"Indeed," said the devil, "I really don't know."

"Oh, do let me in, I'm weary and cold," Said the Kaiser, quite anxious to enter Nick's fold.

"Let me sit in a corner, no matter how hot," "No!" said the devil, "most certainly not. We don't admit people for riches or pelf."

"Here are sulphur and matches,— make a hell for yourself."

Then he kicked Wilhelm out and vanished in smoke. And just at that moment the Kaiser awoke.

He jumped out of bed in a shivering sweat. And said: "Well, that dream I shall never forget. That I won't go to heaven I know very well. But it's really too bad to be kicked out of hell."

## HEMINGFORD DEP'T.

Ralph Austin was in Alliance on Thursday.

Mrs. B. U. Shepherd visited Alliance between trains Saturday.

The Erskine street sale Saturday was well attended and things sold at a good price.

Mrs. Mabel McClung was down at Alliance the latter part of the week. L. B. Bobbett was in Alliance Monday between trains.

Tommy Katen visited at his home in Alliance over Sunday.

Mrs. Russell Miller returned Sunday from a month's visit with friends at Waco and Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham and daughter Vera were guests of Alliance friends Sunday.

Will Cory and sons George and Merle were Belmont visitors, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellman and little daughter, of Waco, Nebr., are visiting the Geiger family at present.

Miss Bernice Crossley of Grand Island arrived Tuesday for a visit with the H. R. Olds family.

Miss Bowman of Alliance, who has a music class at this place, made her usual visit here Friday.

"Punk" Uhlurs, who has been employed in the Butler barber shop at this place for the past few weeks, severed his connection with that institution and took his departure Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rickell and family enjoyed a few days' visit with a cousin who came from Broken Bow Saturday.

Miss Alice Ball, a niece of Mrs. Fred Huckle, is visiting at the Huckle home at present. She expects to remain for some time.

Mrs. Rustin returned to her home at Chadron Sunday after a week's visit with friends and relatives here.

Mrs. Grace Walsner of Arvada, Wyo., is visiting relatives at this place.

A reception in honor of the Guards was given at the opera house Thursday evening. The evening was delightfully spent. Several vocal selections, speeches and music by the band added very much to the evening's enjoyment. A luncheon was served, after which the crowd dispersed.

Charlie Michael was an incoming passenger on 43 Saturday, returning from a trip to Douglas, Wyo.

Misses Agnes and Ruth Jones stopped here Friday and visited friends until Sunday afternoon. They were on their way to Chadron to attend normal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Grimes are enjoying a visit with a niece who came from Lincoln Sunday.

Registration day passed off very quietly here Tuesday. There were 81 registered at this place. In the evening the Red Cross society gave a short musical program followed by a dance, which was largely attended.

School closed Friday with graduating exercises in the evening. Our school held over two weeks longer than most of the schools of the county on account of the enforced vacation in February.

COLORED NOTES (By Rev. T. J. H. Barclay)

Rev. J. O. Minor left for Casper, Wyo., last week to assume his new duties there as pastor of the First A. M. E. church. He has a very good field, the people being eager for a church and pastor, but Rev. Minor will have to organize his parish, as Casper has never before had an organized church.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster and two daughters, of Spokane, are here visiting at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. M. B. Harrison. They expect to remain in the city about two weeks.

Rev. J. B. J. Barclay and Mrs. Barclay, together with Miss Ollie Slaughter, left Tuesday morning for Cheyenne, Wyo., and are now attending the district meeting of the A. M. E. church and the Sunday school convention in session there this week. Rev. Barclay went to attend the district meeting and Mrs. Barclay and Miss Slaughter as delegates from the Alliance A. M. E. Sunday school to the district Sunday school convention. The district meeting and convention will adjourn on Monday, June 11.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Selby went to the country a few days ago for a load of hay. Light overtook them before they returned. They were caught in the storm and lost their way. They wandered around in the hills all night long and were thoroughly soaked.

There are a number of strangers in the city looking for work. They can find it, indeed.

An entertainment was held Friday night at the home of Mrs. Lane, 223 West Second street. It was a big affair, well attended, and all had a good time.

Owen Hampton, who is working at Sterling, came up Saturday night for an over-Sunday visit with the madam. He returned to Sterling Sunday night.

One is compelled to wonder, sometimes, why some people who call themselves up to the minute, fail to attend church services or Sunday school. "Birds of a feather flock together."

The five men that were convicted of gambling and given the limit under the law are now out again. They were given their choice of spending their time in the county jail until the law was satisfied or going out and working, the employer to pay their salary to the county judge, who in turn allows them funds to live on. This will continue until the fines are satisfied. It is hoped they have learned their lesson, and in the event they have not, the judge says the jail doors will be open to receive them but slow to open to let them

free. If for no other reason than dislike of life behind the bars, the lesson should be well observed. "What a man soweth, that shall he also reap, for the way of the transgressor is hard."

Services at the A. M. E. church Sunday were well attended. All enjoyed the services and went home well satisfied.

## FOUR MEETINGS HELD AT FARM HOMES

Woman County Agent Instructs Wives on Fitting Dress Forms and in Bread Making

Last week Miss Mary Rokahr, woman county agent of Box Butte county, conducted her third series of meetings. Four meetings were held beginning Monday at the home of Mrs. O. A. Davig northwest of Alliance. The attendance was not large at this one, but the work was nevertheless well received. Tuesday Mrs. J. A. Keegan acted as hostess. Wednesday being Decoration day, no meeting was held. Thursday they met at the home of Mrs. Thos. Green near Hemingford, and Friday with Mrs. Alex Muirhead.

An average of twenty women attended these meetings and the interest was keen throughout. Everything was entirely informal. The forenoons were devoted to general discussions and questions, on fitting dress forms, bread making and saving waste. The afternoons were devoted to actual work and demonstrations in canning. They canned strawberries, asparagus, rhubarb, alfalfa and dandelion tops. The science of hash making was studied to a fine point to utilize even more closely the good food scraps that otherwise go to waste. Literature from the Department of Agriculture relative to the cold pack method of canning and conservation of foods was given out. The women of Box Butte county are showing a great interest in this work, and the sentiment is being expressed that it should be made permanent.

After completing the meetings scheduled for this month in Dawes and Sheridan counties, Miss Rokahr will give her attention to the canning schools in western Nebraska. This will keep her busy during June, after which another series of meetings will be held in Alliance and Hemingford.

"CASH IN" ON SKIM MILK

On every dairy farm where cream is sold, considerable skim milk is often left as a by-product. This is a valuable food that may be utilized in many ways, according to dairy husbandry specialists at the University Farm.

Converted into cottage cheese, used in cooking, or used as a beverage,

it helps solve the high cost of living problem. It is a valuable feed for growing animals. Poultry and pure-bred stock, no doubt, pay the highest returns for skim milk. It has been found to be most efficient as a hog feed when fed with one-third its weight in grain. A hundred pounds of milk is then worth as much as one-half bushel of corn. Other stock pay less for the skim milk they consume.

**TURKEY RAISING PROFITABLE**  
Nebraska, by virtue of its dry climate and the type of farming engaged in, namely, that of grain farming, offers ideal conditions for the raising of turkeys, both from the standpoint of the health of the fowl and from that of profit.

On large farms, in the most remote fields, grain which is lost in threshing and which would otherwise go to waste is picked up by the turkeys. They require little attention when once given a good start, and in this climate are little affected by disease. In the central parts of the state some farmers are beginning to raise turkeys, and from their reports they are finding it profitable.

**HOW TO SPRAY POTATOES**

How to spray potatoes is explained in detail in Emergency Bulletin No. 10, "Spraying Potatoes for Insects and Diseases," prepared by the entomology and agricultural botany departments of the University of Nebraska. It contains complete information about the control of early blight, the control of potato beetles, the best insecticides to use, the proper time to spray, and the most effective way of applying the spray. The bulletin will be sent free upon application to the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, Lincoln, Nebr.

**ELEVATOR MANAGERS' SHORT COURSE**

The Nebraska College of Agriculture and the Office of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture will hold a short course for elevator managers at the University Farm, Lincoln, June 19 to 23. Elevator accounting will be taught, as this is regarded as one weak point in elevator management. Many companies anticipating good profits have faced actual loss after figuring shrinkage, depreciation, and other factors. Sometimes accounting does not provide for calculating the exact status of the business or give an accurate check upon profit made upon each kind of grain.

Many inquiries are being received by the department of agricultural engineering of the College of Agriculture regarding farm tractors. This indicates that the general belief that the tractor will play an important part in future food production is well founded. Persons in this state will have an opportunity to see all standard tractors at work near Fremont, Nebr., August 6 to 10, the date of the National Tractor Show.

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